

Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

May 16, 2017 Minutes

Date:	May 16, 2017	Time:	6:30 pm
Chair:	Jill	Location:	St. John's
Recorder:	Bonnie	PLC Rep:	Pat

Member/Attendee	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present
Barb	X	Pat	X	Corey	Via Phone	Cary	
Mary Ann	X	Jill	X	Rose Ann	X	Mary H	X
Staff Representative:	Jay						
Guest(s) & Purpose:	Kevin Griffin – SVDP						

- **Guest Kevin Griffin** – What does St. Vincent de Paul do? Please see handout. SVDP is separate from the church as they have their own funding. SVDP members would like a display in St. Paul Plaza to explain what they do, upcoming events, etc. to make them more visible within the parish. Jay addressed this with his information about the monitors being placed in St. Paul Plaza.
- **Electronic Signage in Plaza – Jay.** In the next few weeks, we will be installing 60” monitors by the east and west doors in the plaza. Other than the two information kiosks and the activity bag rolling carts, all other items will be removed from the plaza. The monitors will be scrolling updated information on a continuous basis. They were donated by a generous parishioner.
- **Flag discussion - Knights request to have US and Papal flags in the Sanctuary.**
 - A unanimous decision was made on May 9, 2017 by the Arts and Environment Committee to not have the flags placed near the sanctuary. Please see handout from the Arts and Environment Committee for more details.
 - A motion was brought forward in the Worship Commission meeting to recommend the American flag and the Papal flag not be placed in or near the sanctuary. The sanctuary is defined as the area delineated by the steps on all sides leading to the space containing the altar, ambo, presider's chair and tabernacle. Although the areas to the immediate sides of the sanctuary are not included, they are within the sight lines of the assembly and so must be considered as part of the worship space. Only items that direct our attention or focus on Christ and His sacraments may be placed within this area. Anything that could be a distraction from the primary focus of our worship must be avoided. Exceptions might include large fir trees at Christmas and other plants throughout the year. Motion was seconded. Verbal vote was taken. 7 ayes, 1 abstain,
 - A motion was brought forward for alternatives to displaying the flag, keeping in mind with respect to safety and security. The flag may be displayed in other prominent areas within the campus, in order of preference:
 - 1. Near the military board showing current members of the armed forces in St. Paul Plaza.
 - 2. Hanging from the high ceiling in St. Paul Plaza.
 - 3. In the narthex by the display case
 - 4. By the Baptistry, on either side of the ceremonial doors near the statues of Sts. Peter and Paul.

It is extremely important that proper protocols for displaying the flag in public, both indoors and outdoors, be observed. Placement, lighting, care and ceremony all need to be considered. Motion was seconded. Verbal vote was taken. 7 ayes, 1 abstain.
 - Jay will present a recommendation to Father Skluzacek.
- **Maddy Stella's request to display and discuss her sculpture: *Outpouring Mercy*.** See handout.
 - Jay will present the information to Father Paul and report back to the committee.

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- **Hymnal article for bulletin** (see printout)
 - Jill will tweak the article to be inserted in the bulletin, Father's email and website.

- **Good (Worship) Question** (see printout with examples)
 - Questions arose regarding copyright laws. Will discuss more at the June meeting.

- **For June meeting:**
 - Create your own list prioritizing the projects given to Fr. Skluzacek after the April meeting. (See April's minutes for a complete description.)
 - Continue discussion on investigating options for safety training.
 - Good Worship Question.
 - Hymnal article for bulletin.
 - Prayerfully consider Chair, Vice-Chair and PLC Rep positions for next year.